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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following document that was cited in an International Search Report conducted on International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052892, which is a foreign counterpart to the above-noted U.S. application:

(1) EP 1,348,806 A published October 1, 2003. The International Examiner cited this as an “X” category document with regard to claims 1-5 and 7-9 of the International Application. The International Examiner noted the abstract, paragraphs 0018 through 0028, and figures 1 and 2 as being particularly relevant.

Applicants previously submitted a copy of the above-noted International Search Report on May 26, 2006. Therefore, a copy is not being included herewith.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby submit the following document that is discussed in the specification of the instant application:

(2) DE 103 47 177.4 published May 12, 2004. This document is discussed in paragraph [0005] of the substitute specification submitted concurrently herewith.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

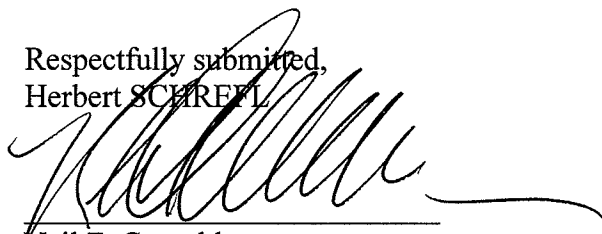
Applicants note that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants have not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if the first action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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